

Administrative Report, 1978

(D. de G. Griffith)

NOTE: Prolonged postal strike in Ireland has made communications with the chairman of the Statistics Committee very difficult during the period when the Administrative Reports are normally made.

Belgium

(P. Hovart)

The data processing has been transferred from punchcards to an IBM System 32 mini-discs. The input of the collected statistical data is however not changed compared with the former years.

The computer programme for biological assessments will be carried out with the same system.

Canada

(no report received)

Denmark

(E. Lund)

In 1978 several changes were undertaken in the Danish statistical system. Logbooks were introduced on a limited scale in autumn 1977. By 1978 logbooks became obligatory for all vessels operating outside the Baltic. The introduction has been gradually, in the Norwegian economic zone from mid-February and from 1 July for all vessels operating in EEC waters.

In the Baltic, however, the recommendation adopted by the International Baltic Sea Fishery Commission is still in force in EEC waters, while the Swedish authorities have made logbooks part of their licence scheme and therefore obligatory.

The introduction of the logbook scheme has made adjustments in the landing documentation necessary. The auctions which prior to 1978 only submitted weekly reports to the statistical agency, must now submit copies of the saleslips to make control of the logbooks possible. The interviews of the fishermen have ceased.

The amount of data has increased significantly over 1978 and difficulties in introducing the changes to the fishermen as well as problems by change of technology in the statistical agency have been experienced. These difficulties are of temporary nature.

In 1978 the register of vessels was changed from a punch card system to an ADP register system which made it possible to establish a more detailed register. The annual counting of fishing vessels will be replaced by updating this vessel register.

Finland

(A. Rantala)

There have been no changes in the collection and processing of statistical data during 1978.

France

(no report received)

German Democratic Republic

(no report received)

Federal Republic of Germany

(no report received)

Iceland

(no report received)

Ireland

(no report received)

Netherlands

(H.B. Becker)

No significant changes were made in the Netherlands fisheries statistical system during 1978.

Norway

(P. Gullestad)

There has been no major changes in the routine collection and processing of statistical data in 1978.

Poland

(R. May)

The Sea Fisheries Institute (Gdynia) conducts statistical work in accordance with the requirements formulated by the secretariats of ICES and ICNAF, and with the schedule stipulated by CWP. We have also carried out statistical work within the framework of bilateral agreements (Poland/USA; Poland/USSR and Poland/Sweden), as well as other incidental work. The need to furnish more and more detailed data and the increased frequency of reporting have, in some instances, caused delay, especially since the data need very precise verification.

In 1978 there were no major changes in our internal system of collecting information on Polish fishing; it continues to be based on the principles we have outlined earlier. However, intensive preparatory work is at present under way in order to introduce a new type of vessels logbook which is formed so that the data given therein can be processed by computer.

Portugal

(no report received)

Spain

(no report received)

Sweden

(no report received)

United Kingdom

England and Wales (A.C. Burd)

There have been no major changes in the routine collection and processing of statistical data in 1978.

USA

(E. G. Keyerdahl and K. Paine)

No fishing activities were carried out by U.S. vessels during 1978 in waters within the ICES area. As in the past, all U.S.A. catch and effort statistics are being reported to ICNAF and FAO.

Statistical reporting procedures for the foreign distant water fleets remained unchanged during 1978 except that the two-week reporting period for summary fleet statistics was shortened to a weekly period. In addition, a sampling program utilizing U.S.A. observers placed aboard foreign fishing vessels allowed for more refined estimates of the catch of incidental species. These estimates, when compared to quotas established for incidental catches, resulted in the early closures of certain country fisheries fishing for specified desired species.

USSR

(N.V. Yanovskaya)

In 1978 the statistics division of VNIRO processed daily reports on catches from vessels operating in the northeast Atlantic, and the results were reported monthly to ICES and NEAFC. Weekly reports on catches by vessels operating in areas under bilateral agreements between USSR and other countries were also used.

In the beginning of 1979 a report on catches in 1978 of 12 important species by ICES fishing areas (Barents Sea, Norwegian Sea, Spitsbergen and Medvezhy Islands, North Sea, Baltic, and Portuguese waters) was submitted to ICES and NEAFC.

The statistics have been compiled in accordance with circulars and resolutions of ICES, and in 1979 reporting will also be done in conformity with ICES Statistics Proformers No. 6 and 7.

